MISSIONARY COLUMN.

Our Missions in Brazil.

Truly God is good. We feel here that we are greatly blessed. The Lord owns and blesses the work of his servants. Yesterday (Sunday) there were twelve persons received into full communion in the church. It was a sight to make any lover of the Lord rejoice. There were two old men past fifty, a mother with her grown son two daughters, three of another family—a grown son and a little girl of eight years. Of the twelve, four are our pupils, three girls our boarders, and a boy who is a day pupil. The two others have been day pupils, but are not in school this term, much to our regret. They thought of moving away, and did not think it worth while to come for so short a time, which has lengthened the whole term. The father of that family has been a member for some time, and now the mother, son, and daughters. What a power for good a Christian family is! and one proof of the genuineness of religion is that in nearly every family where one comes the others soon follow. There was another member of our family among the candidates, a mulatto girl of fifteen, who has been living with us since March. We feel very thankful for the increasing religious influence in the kitchen as well as in the school. Many of the girls seem greatly interested in studying the Bible, but when the truth is pressed on them personally they shrink and seem to steel themselves against it. It takes moral courage in any land to bear the pressure of the world against those who come out from it; and how much more here where that quality seems weak as a rule. Our girls show that they think independently sometimes, as on Friday night at the love feast meeting Mr. Koger had fully explained the nature of the services, and some of the girls took the bread and water, I mean those not members, though they knew it would not be popular with their "set," for our house is divided not in actually spoken words, but those who have united with the Church are separated by a something indefinable which a few of the girls, who are determined not to adopt any thing of Protestantism, have raised. They are all good pupils, and seemingly agreeable one to another. I think it would be hard to find a nicer set of girls than we have in the house this term.—*Miss Mary Bruce in Woman's Missionary Advocate.*

Help out the Deficiency.

To the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: It was stated in the December number of the *Woman's Christian Advocate* that there is a deficit of eight thousand three hundred dollars and fourteen cents, which must be made up in the two quarters remaining (to this fiscal year), to meet the obligations to existing work. The amounts collected in the third quarter have been reported, and only three hundred and thirty-four dollars and ninety eight cents of the deficit has been obtained, leaving for the last quarter eighteen thousand two hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty-one cents to be realized over and above all special contributions. You can do this, dear friends of the Woman's Missionary Society, if you keep in mind the "need be" and work with "purpose of heart." Let us resolve to go up to the Annual Meeting with such a balance in the Treasury that the urgent calls of the missionaries for more help may be answered, and wisely drawn plans be perfected.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOGK,
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Religious Progress in Japan.

The wonderful movement in Japan toward Christ seems almost like a nation being born in a day. At the present rate of progress the whole empire will be under the influence of the Christian religion in a few years. A recent number of the *N. Y. Independent* contained an elaborate and thrilling account of the third general assembly of the United Church of Christ in Japan. It read like the report of a great battle from the commanding general of a victorious army. The meeting was composed of representatives of the various churches in connection with the American Presbyterian and Reformed Missions and the United Presbyterian Church, of Scotland. One thousand persons were present at the opening session, and 1 representatives from the several churches in the empire.

This assembly meets every two years. Since the last session there has been a large and gratifying increase in all departments of labor. There was an addition of 70 per cent. to the membership of the church and a large increase in the number of candidates for the ministry. Thirty-six young men are now pursuing their studies in the Theological Seminary in Tokio. The largest church reported was one in Yokohama, which has 287 members. That was the first Presbyterian church organized in Japan, which was in March, 1872; with 12 members. It is said to have embraced at that time nearly all the earnest Christians in the empire. The contributions of that church for the past two years have been about $1,200, or an average of about $4 per member.

The officers of the assembly, moderator and clerk, were natives. Their conduct of business was after the most approved methods. Every indication was given of a healthy, normal development toward self-support. In this respect the meeting was most significant and suggestive. All of the churches are partly self-supporting and 16 wholly support their pastors. That is rapid progress. Within a few years in a heathen empire the work develops so healthfully that 16 of the 44 churches are independent of foreign aid. This result will not suffer by comparison with the church at home. The total gifts for church purposes amounted to $15,119.96 for the two years.

These facts ought to thrill the faith of every lukewarm supporter of foreign missions. We need no longer hesitate on account of meager reports from distant fields. Other things being equal, their achievments are in advance of the church at home.—*New Orleans Christian Advocate.*

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We will insert an obituary of 80 words ree of charge. For the excess of 80 words we charge one cent per word. Count the words in excess of 80 and send the money with obituary. OBSERVE THIS RULE PLEASE. And do not put in any original poetry.

FOUST—Died of pneumonia, at Mt. Vernon Springs, Chatham County, N. C., Jan. 28th 1886, Herbert Moran, son of John M & Mollie H. Foust, aged 1 year, 1 month and nine days. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

J. M. FOUST.

DWIGGENS—James Ashley, youngest child of Mr. James P., and Mrs. Sarah Dwiggens was born Jan. 18th 1873, and died at his home in Davie county, N. C., Jan 5th 1886. How sad the household is without their little darling boy. But "it is well with the child," for God, who doeth all things well, did it. He is sadly missed by his school-mates, but may they meet him in that beauttful land, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and sad partings come no more."

A FRIEND.

Tribute of Respect.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst, Jan. the 26th 1886, our beloved little schoolmate, Joe. Kearney, therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That we deeply mourn the death of this amiable and true boy, who was a member of our school the last three sessions.

2nd, That we do in this formal way give expression to the great love we had for him while living and to the profound sorrow with which his death has filled our hearts.

3rd, That we extend to the afflicted and sorrowing parents our sincerest sympathy in this their sad bereavement.

4th, That a copy of these resolutions be spead upon the minutes of our Society, and copies be sent to the parents of the deceased, to the *Gold Leaf*, to the Warrenton *Gazette*, and to the Raleigh CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication.

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DREW—Died in Smithville, N. C., just at the close of day on Jan. the 7th 1886 Thomas Drew, in the 75th year of his age. The summons came suddenly, he had been about his usual duties for the day, came into his room, took a seat, and in five minutes his immortal "spirit returned to the God that gave it," and the wearried body was at rest. For about fifty-five years he had been ready for death, had been walking in the path of righteousness which grew brighter, "shining more and more unto the perfect day." His Christian light burned steadily, not a flickering flame, but one of consistent strength and beauty by which those who sat in darkness could confidently expect to be guided to the God of his love and life As an official member of the church, he was at all times interested in its welfare, rarely ever absent from an official meeting. The children that once gathered about his knee are now scattered in different parts of the country. May they all find peace with God, and at last be gathered about their dear father in the bright realms of celestial glory. A widowed one is left alone—turnining from the memory of her confidence in him may she now fix all upon Jesus as confidently praying:

"While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside."

D. H. TUTTLE.

ALLSBROOK—Mrs. Kate Allsbrook, wife of J. M. Allsbrook and daughter of the late T. J. Williams, died of pneumonia at her home in Hamilton, N. C., at ten minutes after twelve o'clock, in the morning of Dec. 5th 1885. She was in her 78th year. In her 14th year she was converted and joined the M.E Church South. She never wavered in her Christian profession or in her devotion to her church. Her life was an embodiment of christian virtue. The sweet and gentle disposition which marked her girl life was developed in womanhood into the higher Christian grace. Meekness, the greatest adornment of the female character, was her leading characteristic. The pencil marked places in her well worn Bible give us a deeper sight into her inner life, and show where she learned the lessons of patience, forbearance and humility which she so beautifully lived.

In the management of her children she combined remarkable gentleness with great firmness. Her forgetfulness of self was shown in her quick and tender sympathies and thoughtfulness for the comfort and welfare of those around her. Her illness lasted but two days, but her sufferings were extreme. She prayed earnestly that her Savior would help her to bear her pain, and if it were His will that she should go, that he would receive her spirit. May the dear old Aunt, who is only waiting the Master's call to come up higher, the deeply afflicted sisters and brother feel that they have one more tie to bind them to heaven.

And may the grief stricken husband be brought by this sad affliction into the way of life, and lead the dear little ones to their mother in heaven

May we all live as well as she and meet at last in the home where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

L. O. S

HILL—Miss Matilda Hill, daughter of Wilson S. and Matilda Boyd Hill, died on the 26th of Jan. 1886 of pneumonia. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church with her father and mother when she was quite young

She was a graduate of Greensboro Female College; a very cheerful, sweet-spirited woman and a general favorite among her acquaintances. Being the only unmarried daughter, she was the companion of her widowed mother for several years and contributed greatly to her happiness. Since the mother passed away several years ago, she has made the old home a place of attraction to her sisters and their children. How they loved "Aunt Tillie." But the heaviest blow is upon her brother "Shed," who lived with her. These two alone. Now he is so sadly alone. May her Savior become consciously and sustainingly his ever present friend. For several weeks she seemed greatly quickened in her hungering after righteousness. When the end came she assured her family that she was not afraid to die. All was well. While in the death struggle she called out, 'Mother, mother, is'nt it delightful!" Did they in fact greet each other then and there? We believe they dwell together in "the home over there."

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